

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 12, 2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the claims have been amended as set forth above. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the present remarks is respectfully requested.

A REPLACEMENT SHEET for Figure 1 is submitted herewith.

Claims 3 and 5-7 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter, which indication is appreciatively acknowledged.

Claims 1, 2 and 8-10 were rejected as being anticipated by Dalmia. Claim 4 was rejected as being unpatentable over Dalmia in view of Kubo. The claims have been amended to more clearly distinguish over the cited references. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In particular, the claims have been amended to recite, rather than a "difference establisher," a "subtractor."

The UP and DOWN signals of Dalmia, while they may be "difference signals" in some general sense, are not produced by a subtractor in the manner of the present invention.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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